

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

## *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, John and Sharon Botts exchanged their wedding vows on April 28, 1962, promising to share their lives and love together for the rest of their days; and,

*Whereas*, The newlywed couple of 50 years ago has been replaced by two devoted partners who have shared life's beauty and sorrow, and have grown to love one another more because of their common journey; and,

*Whereas*, John and Sharon are the proud parents of three children, Lisa, Kristine, and Eric and have been blessed with ten grandchildren. John retired from the Air Force in 1985, and both John and Sharon were Real Estate Brokers in Rapid City, South Dakota, up until their second retirement; and,

*Whereas*, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, John and Sharon have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

*Whereas*, John and Sharon will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants; and,

*Whereas*, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognizes and commemorates the memorable occasions in the lives of the state's outstanding citizens:

**Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard**, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 28, 2012, as

### ***JOHN AND SHARON BOTTS DAY***

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

  
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Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

  
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Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State